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FOURTH OF JULY 2006



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## From the Administrator's Desk ...

The tide comes in; the tide goes out, and ships rise and fall with it. The state's budgetary considerations are the ocean on which we rest, and the news this year is good. The budget which came into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> will allow us to compensate for some of the shortfalls we have endured in past administrations. Among the highlights:

- We will recover many positions we have lost in the past. You will soon see the results as new people arrive.
- Full funding for Annex I.
- \$500,000 for a study of improvements necessary to our long-neglected infrastructure. This is a necessary first step.
- The "Behavioral Wellness" program, about which Dr. Loftus is enthusiastic, will be fully staffed. The intent of this program is to keep residents at the lowest level of care possible to enhance the quality of their lives.

This is a welcome respite from the lean times we have endured. Enjoy it while we can -- high tides don't last forever.

## Go, Team! Go!!

Don't be mad at our new Chief Medical Officer. Long-time valley resident, cardiology consultant to the Veterans Home, and former Chief of Staff at Queen of the Valley Hospital -- you might be tempted to ask, "What took you so long to get here?"

"Mike" Loftus, M.D., left a prestigious post to come to the Home. A new program in Preventive Medicine is being launched July 1<sup>st</sup>, and Dr. Loftus is eager to lead it. Five new positions are being added: a psychiatrist, two psychologists, and two social workers. This marks an integrated effort to keep residents "in place," that is, preserving health so that it is not necessary to go to higher care. His own background in the military (he did his residency in the Air Force) gives him special empathy for veterans. He notes that the military once fostered habits that have become a detriment later in life.

Dr. Loftus' arrival coincides with the determination of many residents to become pro-active in their own health maintenance. They have formed groups to inform and encourage each other in efforts such as diabetes prevention, detection and control;



**Marcella McCormack,  
Administrator**



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The Treatment







## New to CDVA website:

Thanks to the efforts of the Veterans Home of California Yountville **Grapevine** staff, including Jody Price, Public Information Officer, and member reporters/columnists, Neil Remnant, Chris Williams and Lou Zauner, and member volunteer Nancy Bueno, we are able to put the current and future issues of the **Grapevine** on the CDVA Internet site.

Thanks also to Webmaster Kenn Capps and Charlie Lathipanya of our ISD staff.

The June 23, 2006 issue of the **Grapevine** can be viewed by going directly to the following URL: <http://www.cdva.ca.gov/news/grapevine.asp>

The **Grapevine** can be also be found by going to our home page (<http://www.cdva.ca.gov>) and clicking on the News, Events and Announcements link, or the Veterans Homes link. Both of these links are in the left hand column.

*Jerry R. Jones, Chief  
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*Dr. Loftus continued from page 2*

smoking cessation; relaxation; exercise and efficient movement. It will be an inspiration to have Dr. Loftus here to coordinate and lead these efforts.

It's significant that Dr. Loftus former position, Chief of Staff at Queen of the Valley, is an elective one. His interpersonal skills and contacts will allow the Home to "cherry pick" the best specialists at Queen and St Helena hospitals to serve as consultants. Our Administrator sees new inspiration in her determination to provide us the best medical care available.

Should you have an appointment at Queen of the Valley and happen to see a Dr. Loftus bouncing down the hallway, hesitate before rushing up to compliment him on his youthful appearance. You may have encountered our Dr. Loftus' son, Dr. John Loftus the surgeon. "The apple doesn't fall far..." and that sort of thing.

## The "Best Picnic of the Year" is Coming!

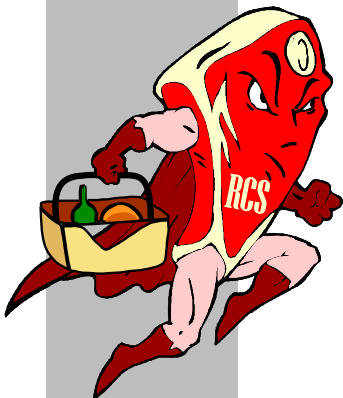
Residential Care Service is throwing their Annual Picnic on Saturday, July 22nd.

Delicious barbecued New York steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs and more will be served at the V.H. Picnic Grounds from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The band, *Way Out West*, will be there to provide fun, toe-tappin', country music from noon through 3:00 p.m.

Section Members sign up in your section for your free ticket and bring it with you to the picnic. Guest tickets may also be purchased from Section Leaders for \$10.

*We look forward to seeing you at the Best Picnic of the Year!*





# 4<sup>th</sup> of July













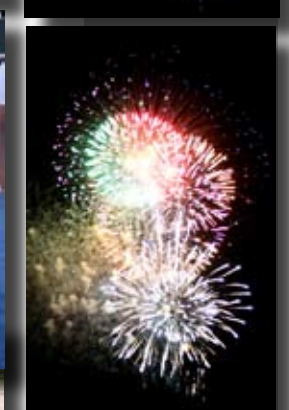
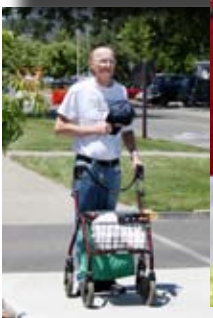
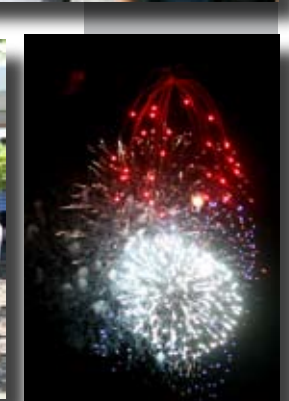


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# DOLLY'S DANCERS



















## ❖ Paws with Brandy ❖

### Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Oh, my dears, I just saw my first live baseball game! All I'd ever seen was those shadows on the television screen, and people around me were talking more about the money the players were making than what they were doing. Then, Jerry Seiman told me about the *Joe DiMaggio League* that just opened the season right up at Borman Field. "They play for love of the sport," he said.

Well, I could tell it was different before we even got to the stadium! "Hot dogs! Oh, the wonderful smell of grass and trees, and -- hotdogs! Oh, that's good," I said. "They train with treats just like my handler."

"The hot dogs are for the fans," Jerry said.

"You mean the people sitting around get treats, and the people working get nothing? How do they learn anything?"

It was warm, but not hot; I think I'm tired of being air-conditioned. So many of my friends were there, and everybody was smiling and laughing. My kind of folks!

The field is very beautiful with its new sod, and I couldn't see any gopher holes. Then, I saw two real big ones.

"Wow! They must have really big dogs on the team."

"Those are the dugouts," Jerry said. "The players not on the field stay there."

"Penned up, huh? That's not very humane." Two players came out front and began to play catch. They were very good.

"Oh, I like catch. I'm good at it, too. Wonder if there are any openings."

"That's the pitcher warming up," Jerry explained.

Then all the players in one dugout ran onto the field and scattered out. One came toward us and stood near a bag of something ... kibble, maybe.

"That's the first baseman," Jerry said.

"First *baseperson*," I corrected. "Don't forget the women."

"There aren't any women on the team," he muttered.

"Why not?"

"Because there's not!"

I watched the players warming up, and they seemed different from the chunky ones I've seen on TV. I found the league president, Steve





Meyer, and he told me why. The team members are all eighteen or under. A resident watched the pitcher warming up and whispered to me, "I've got a grandson that looks just like that."

I got as close as I could, and the players were so friendly. Ricky Molina of the San Bruno team said I should apply for a position. Did you know there are "shaggers" who chase stray balls? "You'd be our shaggiest shagger," he said.

That's a real woofer, isn't it?

Before the game started, our Administrator Marcella joined them for a game of catch. Finally, a woman for the team! I smiled knowingly at Jerry who gruffly replied, "No, Brandy, Marcella just gets to throw once ... the first ball."

Then a player got on a little hill and began to play catch with another one, but it wasn't fair. The one he was throwing to was being punished by wearing a harness and a big muzzle."

"What did he do wrong?" I asked. "Bite somebody?"

"He didn't do anything wrong. That's the catcher."

Then a guy came out of the other gopher hole carrying a stick. He stood in front of the catcher and tried to stop their game by hitting the ball. He wasn't very good. It took him two tries, and then he didn't hit it to anybody. It just sailed out over the field. He must have known he was bad because he took off running in our direction.

"Stop him!" I yelled to the catcher. "Jerry, why isn't the catcher chasing him?"

"Catchers don't chase the players," he said grimly.

"Well what's the fun in running if nobody's going to chase you?"

Then the players stood around for a while. That's the main thing I learned about baseball. People stand around a lot. I think that's so the fans can talk and eat without being distracted by anything happening on the field.

Another player came out of the hole with yet another stick. He was better, though. He hit the ball right to a guy standing out in the field.

"Yeah!!" I barked. "Oh, he's good! How many points does he get?"

"He doesn't get any points," Jerry said.

"He's out. He has to go back into his pen. Oh, my doG! I'm beginning to think like you do!"

Maybe I'll talk to Ricky about that "shaggy" job. Sounds like fun! And, you will be just in time for a big tournament next weekend with games almost non-stop, stretching from 5 p.m., Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> until 5 on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. See Activities for the schedule, and don't forget to say, "Hi!" to me when we meet. 🐾



*San Bruno's  
Ricky Molina  
with me and  
Jerry.*



## As We Saw It ... Marines' Memorial Association hosts Home Members

By Lou Zauner



*Trip Escort Don Stine, Liz Rosenzweig, and Troy James, Greeter and Security Chief of the Club.*



The beginning of the week, Monday, June 26, favored 15 Home Members who were treated to an extraordinary visit to San Francisco and the Marines' Memorial Club for tour and lunch.

Boarding the bus at 9:30 a.m. was the prelude to a sparkling morning drive in perfect weather to view the magnificent scenery along the way and crossing the Bay Bridge to San Francisco. The City never looked more majestic and conversation of memories and events past served as tour-guide comments during the drive.

At the corner of our destination, we were greeted by Troy James, Head of Security for the Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel, and escorted to the lobby where General Manager Michael Allen greeted us to begin the tour. Provided with an elegantly prepared program and menu, we visited eight grand and richly decorated lounges and Heritage and Tribute Rooms, beginning with the Crystal Lounge on the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor of the 12-story building; and ending with a look-in the Memorial Theatre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and Club One Fitness Room (with swimming pool) on the street level. Along the way, there was a glimpse of a few of the 139 suites and rooms which accommodate overnight guests on floors 3 to 9.

The Marines' Memorial is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Founded in 1946, The Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel is located at 609 Sutter Street, just one block off Union Square in the heart of downtown San Francisco. The Club's original charter specified "as a tribute to Marine Corps heroes, the establishment and maintenance of a museum." It was then extended to include Navy Corpsmen, and after some twenty years from its origin, stated its current mission: "The Marines' Memorial Association, a non-profit Veterans organization exists to provide a living memorial honoring all Veterans who serve honorably remembering and honoring the valor

of those who have gone before and providing a service to those who continue to serve." Indeed, the mission is being accomplished with the Library and other rooms proudly displaying memorial plaques, medals and ribbons, historical military artifacts, photographs, dedication memorabilia and much more – all honoring the armed services.

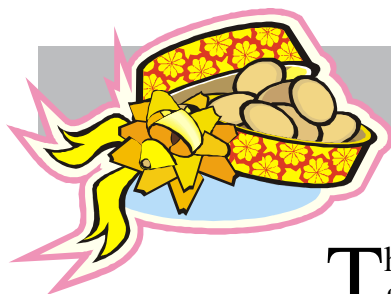
The lavish restaurant, *The Leatherneck Steakhouse*, is located on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor, with an extravagant view

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*left: Jay Bedell, Lou Collier, Don Stine, Tim Chamaerlain*







## What's Cookin', Good Lookin'?



The Veterans Home Employees are continuing their drive for the *American Cancer Society*. They are offering a double helping of goodies on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am 'til 1 pm. Calorie-free (well, almost), delicious baked goods can be yours for snacking or hoarding. A silent auction will put interesting items before you. Some have been donated from the outside. Most interesting, perhaps, are some impressive gift baskets being assembled by Cathy Vincent, who is leading all the events for this year's drive. Because she knows the residents, she is including items which are appropriate and useful. How would you like to have a thermal mug that tells you the exact temperature of its contents?

Later in the month, Cathy will hold another Poker Walk. Many residents wished they had participated in the last one. A casual stroll, picking up a playing card at each of five stations, can result in your winning the 50/50. All you have to do is show the best poker hand, and you've hit the jackpot. Look for flyers posted in your section and Activities for the date and time.

Our employees' efforts are part of a valley-wide drive which will culminate at Napa Valley College on July 29-30. Let's show our support in the fight against this disease which affects us or our loved ones.

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of the City. Finalizing our tour, the Activity Department generously provided the visiting Home Members with an excellent lunch (as presented by the menu) of "Cesar Salad with Bay Shrimp, Stuffed Chicken, Orzo and Pesto Julienne, Seasonal Fruit Tart, Wines, Ice Tea & Coffee." All as delicious as promised.

The Marines' Memorial Club is the place for our Veterans to call home in San Francisco. The generosity of the Marines' Memorial Association offers Home veterans lifetime memberships without charge, which entitle the eligible visitors' use of the Club's facilities and economically-priced rooms for overnight stays. For all its generous benefits, donations and generousities to our Veterans; we extend our sincere appreciation to the Marines' Memorial Association; and our special thanks for hosting this grand tour and to the Activity Department for the arrangements and gracious dining.

To learn more about the Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel, make a personal visit or use internet: [www.marine-club.com](http://www.marine-club.com)



*above: Lou Collier and David Wells browsing the History Library.*

*below: Don Stine thanked General Manager Michael Allen for the hospitality and tours.*



July 7, 2006





## Golfers enjoy Escort Bus

*Story & photo by Glen Nock*

The Veterans Home Golfers (VHG) traveled in our new bus to the Hidden Valley Golf Course near Middletown on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. All had an enjoyable time. Charley Samson arranged the trip to his old stomping grounds.

The group would like to thank Vickie Allen, Karen Riddle, Susan Heims, the Allied Council and the driver Ken for a wonderful time.

## July Baseball Schedule at Borman Field

Date	Teams	Times
July 8, Sat	American Legion Baseball: River Dogs	11:00 am, 2:00 pm
July 9, Sun	American Legion Baseball: River Dogs	11:00 am
	Joe DiMaggio League Baseball	2:00 pm, 4:30 pm
July 10, Mon	Joe DiMaggio League Baseball	5:30 pm
July 11, Tue	American Legion Baseball: River Dogs	5:00 pm
July 14, Fri	Joe DiMaggio: Regional Tournament	5:00 pm
July 15, Sat	Joe DiMaggio: Regional Tournament	11:00 am, 1:45 pm, 3:30 pm
July 16, Sun	Joe DiMaggio: Regional Tournament	11:00 am, 1:45 pm, 3:30 pm
July 17, Mon	Joe DiMaggio: Regional Tournament	5:00 pm
July 27, Thu	American Legion: Area Tournament	9:00 am, 12:00 pm, 3:00 pm
July 28, Fri	American Legion: Area Tournament	9:00 am, 12:00 pm, 3:00 pm
July 29, Sat	American Legion: Area Tournament	9:00 am, 12:00 pm, 3:00 pm
July 30, Sun	American Legion: Area Tournament	9:00 am, 12:00 pm





# Good Readin'

## True West, True West, and the West Wall

Do you fans of western fiction browse the periodicals? Among the magazines is *True West* with articles dealing with a variety of western material, historic and modern. My favorite in the current issue is "Passin' Through Louis L'Amour Land," a journey following

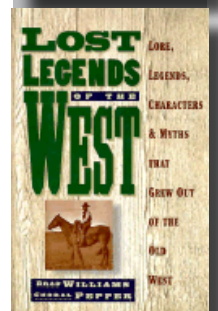
L'Amour's progress through western towns and landscapes from which he garnered background for his novels. Interesting facts, such as, "He wrote a story for *Collier's* called 'The Gift of Cochise'. John Wayne read it, bought the rights and had another author turn it into a screenplay. L'Amour then turned the screenplay back into a novel, and *Hondo* became a classic."

If you become interested in these stories, you will find earlier issues way in back of the library where they keep magazines for a year. The September, 2005 magazine is called the *Special Gambling Issue* with articles like, "Long Before Texas Hold'em," a history of poker, and an article you might read at your peril, "How to Cheat at Cards without Getting Killed." Another feature tells us the awful truth about Calamity Jane – she had a feminine side. She was also gifted with the ability to entrance newsmen with fabricated stories which created her legend.

While you're looking at those back magazines, you will be within an arm's length of books numbered '978'. There are several shelves of titles there, and the one I first read was *Lost Legends of the West* by Brad Williams and Choral Pepper. Here, you will find the hoaxes (such as one by Calamity Jane) along with evidence to support the real legends. From there, wander over to '978' in large print. You'll find a real gem: *Crazy Horse* by Larry McMurtry. This gifted writer tackles the enigma of Crazy Horse who was a puzzle even to his own people. His betrayal by the U.S. government was a tragic turning point in our history.



Calamity Jane



## Hospital Support Group

The all-inclusive Support Group Discussion has changed to a new time. The group meets at 1:30 pm every Monday in Holderman Hospital on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the HRA. Please join us as we provide support, share information and music. Any questions, please contact Megan Edmontson at 948-2527.

## Grapevine Deadline & Distribution Dates

Month	Holidays	Deadlines	Distribution
Jul	4	17, 31	7, 21
Aug	None	14, 28	4, 18
Sep	4	11, 25	1, 15, 29
Oct	9	6, 23	13, 27
Nov	10, 23, 24	3, 16	9, 22
Dec	25	4, 16, 29	8, 22



## VA laptop recovered; FBI says data not accessed

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The laptop belonging to a VA analyst who had been given permission to work on the data from home *has been recovered*.

On Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, an unidentified person gave Baltimore FBI agents the stolen laptop that contained the personal data of up to 26.5 million veterans and military personnel. Agents there conducted a preliminary review of the hard drive and have “determined that the data base remains intact and has not been accessed since it was stolen.” The laptop was then sent to the FBI in Washington for more extensive tests.

The following day VA Secretary Jim Nicholson said that there have been no reports of identity theft as a result of the burglary. “This has brought to the light of day some real deficiencies in the manner we handled personal data,” Nicholson said. “If there’s a redeeming part of this, I think we can turn this around,” he said.

The VA urges all veterans to continue to watch for identity theft until the tests are completed. Nicholson said that the VA’s offer of free credit monitoring for a year is still in effect until subsequent tests are completed.

### Secretary Nicholson announces VA to provide Free Credit Monitoring

As part of the continuing efforts by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to protect and assist those potentially affected by the recent data theft that occurred at an employee’s Maryland home, Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson today announced that VA will provide one year of free credit monitoring to people whose sensitive personal information may have been stolen in the incident.

“VA continues to take aggressive steps to protect and assist people who may be potentially affected by this data theft,” said Nicholson. “VA has conducted extensive market research on available credit monitoring solutions, and has been working diligently to determine how VA can best serve those whose information was stolen.”

“Free credit monitoring will help safeguard those who may be affected, and will provide them with the peace of mind they deserve,” he added.

After VA hires a credit monitoring company, the Department will send a detailed letter to people whose sensitive personal information may have been included in the stolen data. This letter will explain credit monitoring and how eligible people can enroll or “opt-in” for the services. The Department expects to have the services in place and the letters mailed by mid-August.

People who believe they may be affected by the data theft can go to [www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov) for more information. VA also continues to operate a call center that people can contact to get information about this incident and learn more about consumer-identity protections. That toll free number is 1-800-FED INFO (1-800-333-4636). The call center is operating from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm (EDT), Monday-Saturday as long as it is needed.

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## What Credit Protection is VA Providing?

### **What credit protection is VA providing?**

VA will pay for one year of credit monitoring for individuals whose sensitive personal information may have been on the computer that was stolen. Although there has been no confirmation of any identify theft stemming from the stolen computer, this free credit monitoring will help safeguard individuals whose information was stolen.

### **What is credit monitoring?**

Credit monitoring will help guard against improper or fraudulent credit activity. Complete details about the credit monitoring service will be in the letter VA plans to send out in mid-August.

### **Which company will be doing the credit monitoring?**

We don't yet know which company will be providing the credit monitoring services. VA is currently soliciting bids from qualified companies and expects to have services in place by mid-August.

### **How can I register for credit monitoring services?**

VA is in the process of contracting for the credit monitoring services. VA is not registering individuals yet for credit monitoring. When the services are available, eligible individuals will receive a detailed letter, about mid-August, explaining credit monitoring and how to enroll.

### **When will the services become effective?**

VA is in the process of contracting for these services and expects to have the services in place and letters mailed to eligible individuals by mid-August.

### **Do I have to accept these services?**

Credit monitoring is being offered to affected veterans who choose to participate. There will be no requirement to accept any services.

### **What impact will credit monitoring have on my credit and my ability to get credit?**

At this time, we do not know the details of the credit monitoring services that will be provided.

### **What is data breach analysis and how will it be used?**

VA is seeking bids from companies to provide data-breach analysis. This involves looking for possible misuse of the stolen VA data, and will help us measure the risk of the data loss, identify suspicious misuse of identity information and provide assistance to affected veterans.

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## Festival del Sole at the Lincoln Theater

Sunday, July 16 through Sunday, July 23



Sun  
July 16  
6:30 pm

Russian National Orchestra with Anne Sofie Von Otter, mezzo soprano, Joshua Bell, violin, Alan Gilbert, conductor. The Russian National Orchestra has been in demand throughout the music world ever since its 1990 Moscow premiere. Of the orchestra's 1996 debut at the BBC Proms in London, the Evening Standard wrote, "They played with such captivating beauty that the audience gave an involuntary sigh of pleasure." In 2004 they were described as "a living symbol of the best in Russian art" (Miami Herald) and "as close to perfect as one could hope for" (Trinity Mirror). Grammy®-Award winning violinist Joshua Bell was Billboard Magazine's "2004 Classical Artist of the Year" and is a recent inductee into the Hollywood Bowl Hall of Fame, along with the legendary Frank Sinatra. Anne Sofie Von Otter is considered to be one of the finest singers of her generation and is sought after by many of the major conductors, orchestras, opera and recording companies of the world. Christopher Taylor, pianist.



Wed  
July 19  
8 pm

Frederica Von Stade, mezzo soprano, Samuel Ramey, bass, Carlo Ponti, Jr., conductor, Russian National Orchestra. Hailed by The New York Times as "one of America's finest artists and singers," Frederica von Stade is recognized as one of the most beloved musical figures of our time, enriching the world of classical music for three decades with her appearances in opera, concert, and recitals.

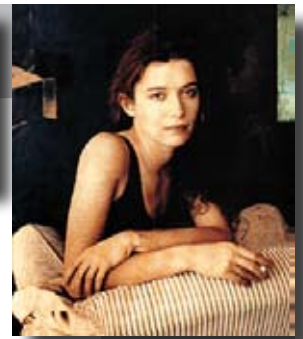


Fri  
July 21  
7 pm

Russian National Orchestra with Nikolaj Znaider, violin, Piotr Anderszewski, piano, Stéphane Denève, conductor. Piotr Anderszewski is widely regarded as one of the most exciting pianists of his generation. Since first coming to public attention at the 1990 Leeds Piano Competition, he has become a familiar figure on the international concert platform, recognized for the intensity and originality of his interpretations. Anderszewski has been singled out for several high profile awards - the prestigious Szymanowski Prize in 1999 for his interpretations of the composer's music and, in 2001, the Royal Philharmonic Society's "2000 Best Instrumentalist" award. In April 2002 he was named Gilmore Artist, succeeding previous winner Leif Ove Andsnes. Described by the prestigious award's advisory panel as "truly extraordinary," Anderszewski will be Gilmore Laureate until 2006, appearing regularly at the Gilmore keyboard festival in Michigan and receiving financial assistance towards his career goals. Nikolaj Znaider is now established as one of the foremost violinists of his generation and is invited regularly to work with many of the world's leading orchestras. In recital and chamber music performances Znaider appears at many of the world's leading concert halls and festivals.

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**ana corbero**  
**painting exhibition**  
**at Napa Valley Museum**

**1001**  
**Tears**

*July 15, 2006 - August 20, 2006*

Corbero says of her exhibition at the Napa Valley Museum in conjunction with the Festival del Sole, "If we look to the sea as an embodiment of all the tears that have flown here, we may become more conscious and able to see the other shore, whether the shore of 'us' or the shore of 'them.' It's also about our future with an enemy. Even if you don't like your enemy, regardless you are going to have to live with him or live with them."

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**Sat**  
**July 22**  
**6 pm**

Sarah Chang, violin, Piotr Anderszewski, piano, Russian National Orchestra  
 Born in Philadelphia, Sarah Chang began to study the violin at the age of four and within a year performed with orchestras in the Philadelphia area. At age 8 her early auditions led to immediate engagements with the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Now 21 years old, Sarah Chang is recognized the world over as one of classical music's most captivating and gifted artists. Appearing in the music capitals of Asia, Europe and the Americas, she has collaborated with nearly every major orchestra.

**Sun**  
**July 23**  
**6:30 pm**

Russian National Orchestra with Renée Fleming, soprano, Nina Kotova, cello, Stéphane Denève, conductor. Renée Fleming's vocal artistry is acclaimed worldwide as the "gold standard of soprano sound." The two-time Grammy Award winner's sensuous voice, interpretive skills and stylistic versatility are sought after on stage and in recordings. A champion of new music as well as the standard repertoire, the American soprano performs throughout the world's most distinguished venues with today's foremost orchestras and conductors. Recognized as a risk-taker in her field, Ms. Fleming has created many roles for the operatic stage and has premiered numerous songs written for her, earning her the respect of her colleagues and praise from the press as one of the great artists of our day. Born into a family of musicians and scientists, Russian cellist Nina Kotova has been hailed as "unforgettable," "passionate and inspiring" and as having "powerfully expressive energy with a technique of utter mastery." Nina Kotova was accepted by the cello faculty into an adult class of the Moscow Conservatory at the age of seven, while studying at the Central Music School Pre-Conservatory. Nina is also an accomplished composer, and her compositions have been recorded and performed in venues including Carnegie Hall. Her debut CD on Philips Classics sold over 60,000 copies, remaining on the Billboard Charts for several months.







## Residential Care Special Events

*Sign ups at Activities Office open 2 ½ weeks before event.*

July					
Date		Time	Event	Site	Bus Signup
9	Sun	10:00 am	A's Baseball		MBS Yes
11	Tue	9:30 am	Target Shopping in Napa		MBS Yes
12	Wed	9:00 am	Allied Council Meeting	GH	
		12:30 pm	LeMelange		MDR Yes
13	Thu	10:00 am	Remembrance Service	Chp	
15	Sat	10:30 am	Horse Racing at Vallejo (live)		MBS Yes
16	Sun	11:00 am	NSGW Picnic	MPG	Yes
17	Mon	8:30 am	SF Ferry Trip		MBS Yes
20	Thu	11:00 am	Danish Gymnastics	GH	
22	Sat	11:00 am	Residential Care Picnic	MPG	
23	Sun	10:00 am	Giants Baseball		MBD Yes
		11:00 am	VFW Picnic	MPG	
26	Wed	10:00 am	A's Baseball	Bor	
		12:15 pm	LeMelange		MDR Yes
27	Thu	10:30 am	"U-Pay Bunch for Lunch"		MBS Yes
			Home Town Buffet, Vacaville		
28	Fri	9:30 am	Fairfield Mall Shopping		MBS Yes
29	Sat	10:30 am	Horse Racing at Santa Rosa (live)		MBS Yes

*All activities are subject to change, please check with the Activities Office.*

*Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly.*

**Key – Bor: Borman Field; Chp: Chapel; GH: Grant Hall; MBS: Main Bus Stop; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds.**

## DD 214 Now Online for Veterans

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access their DD-214 online: [vetrecs.archives.gov](http://vetrecs.archives.gov). This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mail room processing time.



# MOVIE NIGHT IN GRANT HALL

**Fri, July 7 – “The World’s Fastest Indian”** This new (2005) film stars Anthony Hopkins as real-life New Zealander Burt Monroe, an aging racing enthusiast whose journey to the United States and the Bonneville salt flats for a race. The story is retold in this interesting and charming well-made film. The title comes from the make of Monroe’s motorcycle.

**Wed, July 12 – “All the President’s Men”** A 1976 film starring Robert Redford, Dustin Hoffman, Jason Robards, Jane Alexander and Hal Holbrook. Redford and Hoffman play real-life Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein who persevered in their investigation of the Watergate break-in that led to the historic scandal that included the downfall of a U.S. President and “all the president’s men.” Oscars honors went to Robards, Screen Play, Art Direction, and Sound. A solid ☆☆☆☆ films.

**Fri, July 14 – “The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio”** This new (2005) movie stars Julianne Moore and Woody Harrelson. It is the story of real-life mother of ten, Evelyn Ryan who holds her family and household together by entering multiple nation-wide contests and becomes the top national winner of the 1950s. She is upbeat through most of the family’s problems that precede her winnings. Woody plays the husband who creates much of the problems choosing booze instead of milk. An above average new film.

**Wed, July 19 – “Rocky”** This 1976 movie is the first and best of the “Rocky” series starring Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire and Burgess Meredith. It is the story of a smalltime boxer who gets his “million-to-one shot” for fame, self respect and fortune in a championship fight. Stallone is the writer-star and the film was the Oscar winner for “Best Picture,” Director, and Editing. The American Film Institute recently named “Rocky” as one of the top “Most Inspiring American Movies” of all time.

**Fri, July 21 – “Pride and Prejudice”** This new (2005) film is considered one of the best adaptations of the Jane Austen romantic classic. The love story involves unexpected adventure with five unmarried sisters hunting for mates in 18<sup>th</sup> century England. This new, reimagined version seems fresh and almost 21<sup>st</sup> century while staying true to Austen. The cast includes Keira Knightley, Matthew MacFadyen, Judi Dench and Donald Sutherland. ☆☆☆☆

**Wed, July 26 – “The Wild Bunch”** This 1969 Western film is directed by Sam Peckinpah and stars William Holden, Ernest Borgnine, Robert Ryan, Edmond O’Brian and Ben Johnson. The story follows aging outlaws who decide to retire in 1913 after one final haul. Outstanding acting, dialogue, direction, score and photography are considered world class. An authentic American classic Western film. ☆☆☆☆



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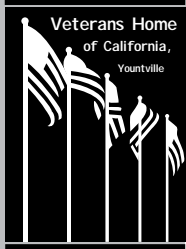
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